Ex-Sen. Ralph Yarborough Wants the Case Reopened

Ralph Yarborough, the liberal former senator responsible for John F. Kennedy's fatal trip to Texas, now wants Congress to reopen the assassination probe.

He was kept silent up to this time.

Yarborough, now a practicing lawyer in Austin, Tex., made his statements to a TATTLER correspondent after watching a recent network television program that showed the famous Abraham Zapruder film of the assassination.

Yarborough was riding in a limousine with Lyndon Baines Johnson two cars behind the open Lincoln — called "Lancer," — in which President Kennedy was riding when he was shot in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963.

IT WAS THE FIRST time that Yarborough had agreed to ride in the same vehicle with fellow Texan Lyndon Johnson during the Texas Presidential tour.

In San Antonio, he got into a car with liberal Rep. Henry B. Gonzales. In Houston, he rode with Rep. Allen Thomas.

Yarborough was reportedly peeved because conservative Gov. John Connally, Yarborough's political enemy, had not invited the senator to a $100 a plate fund-raising dinner in Austin the night before.

President Kennedy had gone to Texas on a mission to mend fences between the conservative followers of Democrats Lyndon Johnson and John Connally and Texas liberals, who looked to Yarborough for leadership.

The Zapruder film, viewed publicly for the first time recently over network TV, shows Kennedy's head exploding and jerking backward to the left, indicating he was shot from the front and not only from the rear as determined by the Warren Commission. (Framer from that film appear on pages 00 and 00.)

A NEW INVESTIGATION should check out allegations that documents exist that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was a CIA agent and that Jack Ruby received a telephone call to kill Oswald after the assassination, Yarborough said.

Forty-eight hours after the assassination, Ruby had murdered Oswald in the basement of the Dallas City Hall.

The new official probe should not be assigned to the Rockefeller Commission appointed by President Gerald Ford to investigate domestic spying by the CIA, Yarborough said.

"People will not trust an executive committee because they think it would be trying to protect the CIA," the former senator said.

Yarborough said he believes all of the documents of the Warren Commission should be revealed. Some of the documents were ordered sealed for 75 years after the assassination.

"The suspicion is so great among the public that we ought to open up the sealed documents," he said.

Yarborough said he doesn't believe enough facts have come out to prove or disprove a conspiracy